

Appl. No. 10/697,900
Amdt. dated October 11, 2006
Reply to Office action of October 4, 2006

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

In the Claims

Claims 1, 3-8, 13, 15-20 and 25-28 are pending in this application. Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-24. Applicants have added new claims 29, 30, and 31.

Allowed Claims

Claims 5, 17, and 25-28 are allowed.

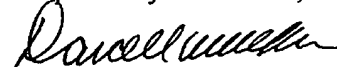
Rejection of Claims

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 13, 15-16 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DeLaCruz (US Patent 6,999,989).

Applicant has canceled these rejected claims. Applicant has added new claims that depend from the allowed claims.

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number. No new fees are believed to be due. However, if any such fees are due, please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0447 (Reference Number AUS920030408US1).

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